

International Schools Mission to Cambodia & Vietnam 30th September – 4th October 2019

Vietnam is confident in its economic prospects, ambitious within the region, and keen to raise its profile globally. The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has developed a clear vision to improve the quality of learning and teaching across the country and UK Education is highly regarded and is one of the key pillars in the UK-Vietnam bilateral strategic partnership. Vietnam is increasingly becoming a market for international school operators, driven by high GDP growth, increasing disposable income and a young population. Another positive development is the passing of Decree 86, allowing an increase in the number of Vietnamese students allowed to enrol in local international schools to up to 49% of the school population.

As a result of these developments, the Department for International Trade (DIT), will lead a UK schools' mission to Vietnam, timed to coincide with the UK/Vietnam Joint Economic & Trade Committee (JETCO) talks in Vietnam. In the margins, DIT and MOET will also be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in education.

Whilst in the region, we will take the opportunity to undertake a programme in Cambodia where there are a number of investment groups, some of whom already have schools' investments and many who have expressed interest in growing the private sector offer, in Cambodia.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Engage with potential investors and existing private schools
- Meet with senior officials from the Ministries of Education in Vietnam and Cambodia
- Participate in networking events
- Better understand the operating environment & franchise options for private schools
- Work with local DIT staff on follow-up.

Dates & Locations:

30th September - 1st October: Phnom Penh
2nd - 3rd October: Ho Chi Minh City
3rd - 4th October: Hanoi

Register Now:

Delegates should be UK-based independent schools with the capability for overseas expansion.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting trade mission, please request an **application form from Mike Qureshi**, DIT Education Team, by 20 June 2019. If you are accepted, your profile will be used for a UK delegate brochure to be circulated to local stakeholders in advance of the mission.

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The programme is **free to take part in**, but spaces are limited, and in order to create a bespoke programme and deliver to the highest standard, organisations will need to apply to join this mission.

Participants are responsible for their airfare, accommodation and insurance. DIT will provide local group transport, venues, local RSVP management and overall coordination.

Applications will be vetted.

DIT are also taking the opportunity of the high profile JETCO and MoU events to lead a separate, Higher Education mission to both markets.

